

## FORMULA MEETING MINUTES

Central Office

08-24-07

10:00am

Members Present: Deana McMurray, Tina Williams, Sheila Hudson, Ralph Watson, Brad Barnes, Jeff Hobson, Jon Kuss, Sheriff Harmon, Kerry Davis

Members not present: Tim Brown, Lisa Cottingham, Aaron Garner, Deana Oware, Angie Hensley, Khadijah Muhammad, Diane Mains, Tonya Gaby, Bernie Iszler

Introductions: Everyone present introduced themselves

### **Sentencing Policy Report:**

Summary provided by Sheila Hudson – Sentencing Policy Committee established by Governor for Sentence Reform

Addressed a variety of topics. Did not have an opportunity to provide an update on Formula revisions. Plan to address this topic at next meeting.

### **Statutory Revisions:**

Deana McMurray will provide a draft of suggested changes to Administrative Code 210. The changes include suggestions from the Residential Standards Committee.

### **State Budget:**

Discussed the following questions submitted by Deanna Oware of State Budget to assure all areas are being addressed.

1. Will the allocation be strictly based on a per diem for service/program component or some other combination of factors? Current code uses county population, and per capita net value of property as determining factors in establishing a score for the applicants.
2. How will program components be valued? More specifically, would we calculate a statewide per diem average for each unique component, or create a county average per diem where we would look at the average cost to provide a service over a certain time period for a county?
3. Per diems would be adjusted depending on the quality of the service provided, and based upon the results of the independent EBP. By what factor would the per diem decrease (or increase if component is more specialized?)
4. Would the population served impact the per diem rate i.e., would there be a greater per diem for adult versus juvenile offenders? Do program components differ depending on population served?
5. How would we ensure that counties are given an opportunity to make changes to their programs before adjusting their allocation?
6. How will new counties and programs be evaluated? What will their starting allocation be?
7. How would court sentencing/judicial decisions impact the allocation? What if, for example, a judge sentences a majority of incoming offenders to a forensic diversion program, but the county does not have this type of program, but has instead directed most of their resources to work release programs...how would this impact the various county programs?

**CTP Discussion:**

Discussed CTP allocation and reimbursement process

DOC needs to be able to measure results against current dollar issued

- Discuss value to having standards so there's an expectation of year to year funding

(Example: Is the \$35 initial and \$15/day thereafter the most effective utilization of funds?)

Ralph Watson provided input re: Sen. Luke Kenley and suggested he be contacted for input

Bernie Iszler suggested Evidence based practices language. Committee agreed on the following definition:

"Evidence Based Practices is the progressive organizational use of current scientific evidence to guide efficient cost-effective correctional services that positively impact subsequent recidivism/victimization and/or public safety."

Definition of Recidivism – Considered use of DOC definition (discussion tabled for time being)

**Formula Options considered include:**

- A. Allocation based on population, types of offenders and services offered, criminal filing
- B. Level of funding
- C. Per diem
- D. Number served (felons, Direct Commits, Executed Sentences, etc.)
- E. Amount of matching funds/in-kind services
  - a. PI = Project Income
  - b. Local dollars
  - c. Other grants
  - d. Add in-kind services / DOC commits
- F. Outcomes
  - a. Recidivism rate
  - b. Successful completions
  - c. Proven risk reduction

Any money left over would go into one-time pool for any use, i.e., equipment, etc.

**Prep for next meeting:**

Run formula based on initial options

Obtain current per diem numbers

Juvenile Committee to address juvenile formula issues